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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Junichi AKIYAMA et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/772,894

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RCE FILED: March 17, 2004

EXAMINER: PSITOS, A. M.

FOR: THERMALLY-ASSISTED MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
THE SAME, AND THERMALLY-ASSISTED MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

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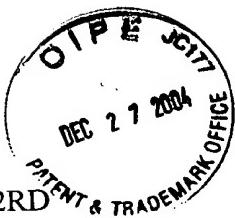
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.